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Hemphill Branch Library to Open Nov. 19

GREENSBORO, NC (November 12, 2004) – The opening and dedication of the Hemphill Branch Library, 2301 W. Vandalia Rd., will take place on Friday, Nov. 19 at 1 pm. The library will open to the public following the ceremony. On Saturday, Nov. 20, the Hemphill Branch Library will host a community celebration from 9 am to 6 pm, featuring music, art, storytelling and a free barbecue lunch served from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Activities throughout the day will include performances by the Walker Street Fiddlers, the Los Viajeros Mariachi Band, and Lulu the Clown, as well as tours of the library, face painting, and special programs for children.

Named in honor of longtime library advocates Bill and Joan Hemphill, the Hemphill Branch Library will partner with the Green Hill Center for North Carolina Art to offer unique, arts-based literacy programming for children. The library will also offer Family Place programs for parents, teachers, and daycare providers, as well as a comprehensive collection of early literacy resources. Other unique features of the library include an outdoor reading garden, an extensive gardening and landscape collection, murals and sculptures by nationally known artists, and numerous resources on art history and instruction.

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